

**DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA  
THURSDAY, SEPTMEBER 12, 2002  
5:00 P.M.**

**Pursuant** to the proper notification, the Durham City Council held a special meeting on the above date and time in the Committee Room at City Hall with the following members present: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cheek and Council Members Best, Clement and Cole-McFadden. Absent: Council Members Edwards and Stith.

Also present: City Manager Marcia Conner, City Attorney Henry Blinder and Deputy City Clerk Linda Bratcher.

Mayor Bell called the special meeting to order.

**SUBJECT: SOUTH SQUARE MALL**

To discuss the development of South Square.

Mayor Bell made comments noting there have been some interests expressed by the owner and developer of South Square Mall as to the possible reuse of facility and there is an issue relating to the transit corridor that runs through a part of the property. Also, the Mayor noted if Council chooses to move forward a public hearing would be scheduled for the purpose of re-looking at the corridor.

Henry Faison, owner of South Square Mall, noted we are in the process of redeveloping South Square Mall which will be closed within the next two or three days and that there would be a complete demolition of the mall except for the freestanding buildings [Office Depot, Firestone and Chick-fil-A]. Also, he stated there have been strong expressions of interest from two national retailers and a site plan has been prepared for submission to the Planning Department. Mr. Faison noted the mass transit corridor as it now exists is fatal to the redevelopment of South Square and urged Council to reconsider the location of the corridor and the station.

**MOTION** by Council Member Clement seconded by Council Member Cole-McFadden to authorize the City Manager to begin the process for a public hearing on this issue of the transit corridor was approved at 5:15 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cheek and Council Members Best, Clement and Cole-McFadden. Noes: None. Absent: Council Members Edwards and Stith.

**MOTION** by Council Member Clement seconded by Council Member Cole-McFadden to go into a closed session for the purpose of discussing an attorney-client consultation regarding the handling of a claim pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) was approved at 5:20 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cheek and Council Members Best, Clement and Cole-McFadden. Noes: None. Absent: Council Members Edwards and Stith.

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**[OPEN SESSION 5:34 p.m.]**

No action was taken by the City Council.

**SUBJECT: CITY COUNCIL EMPLOYEE**

**MOTION** by Council Member Clement seconded by Council Member Cole-McFadden to go into a closed session to discuss the performance of a Council employee pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) was approved at 5:35 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cheek and Council Members Best, Clement and Cole-McFadden. Noes: None. Absent: Council Members Edwards and Stith.

Linda E. Bratcher  
Deputy City Clerk